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Labour bill gets an F: Teachers



Sam Hammond, president of the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario, speaks at a Queen's Park rally on Tuesday to protest an Ontario government bill that teachers say will tear up their collective agreements. AARON VINCENT ELKAIM/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Mass rally in Toronto.

Liberals hope to pass law governing teachers' wages by the end of the week

Ontario teachers swarmed the front lawn of Queen's Park on Tuesday for a massive protest against a controversial bill that would freeze their wages and cut benefits to pare down the province's \$15-billion deficit.

The outraged instructors said they want to teach the provincial Liberals a lesson: They can't trample on their rights to solve Ontario's financial problems.

"I am concerned about the approach the government has taken to dealing with a fiscal issue that was of their own making, not the making of public-sector unions," said Bill Betz, a teacher of 22 years.

Three unions representing about 45,000 teachers and school workers agreed to the two-year framework agreement with the province. But the three other unions, representing about 191,000 members, are fighting the legislation. The bill, which will likely become law with the Progressive Conservatives' backing, would also ban strikes and lockouts for at least two years.

Premier Dalton McGuinty defended the bill, saying

Occupy Queen's Park?

- Local teachers' unions said more than 1,000 education workers from the London area were expected to attend the Toronto rally.
- At least six buses were expected to make the trip to Queen's Park, while the rest were taking their own vehicles. Source: AM980/am980.ca

money is needed to roll out full-day kindergarten and avoid bigger class sizes, so teachers can't get a pay hike.

"We can't afford that right now," he said during question period. "We're not prepared to do that, and I think teachers understand that."

But New Democrat Peter Tabuns said the real purpose of the bill is to divert attention from recent embarrassments such as the ORNGE scandal and give the Liberals a chance to win two byelections that could give them a majority government.

"Is the government ready to stop playing politics and work to get a solution that actually works for students, their parents and a public that's fed up with paying the price for this government's quest for a majority?" Tabuns asked McGuinty in the legislature. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Doors boarded, windows broken and landscaping untamed, the former McCormick's factory at 1156 Dundas St. is pictured Tuesday. The building has sat empty since 2008. ANGELA MULLINS/METRO

Can a sweet deal be sped up for McCormick's site?

Environmental impact. Assessment must be completed before candy factory proposals can be requested



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Ward 4 Coun. Stephen Orser is asking city staff to expedite the process leading to possible redevelopment of the former McCormick's candy factory.

Orser said two parties have expressed interest in buying the 1156 Dundas St. property. But, before that can happen, administrators must work through a series of steps man-

dated after a failed tax sale.

Orser declined to release details about the interested parties, saying their proposals would lead to "a lot of jobs."

JEC Contracting in Toronto submitted papers to city hall about a month ago pitching an elaborate seniors' complex at the site.

The company would be willing to pay \$500,000 to \$1 million for the building and an adjacent property, assuming the building is structurally sound and there's no environmental contamination.

"The idea here is to get it in the hands of a developer quick," Orser told Metro before making his request to speed things up formal at Tuesday's city council meeting. "This thing has dragged on forever,

Been so long

- 1914: Year McCormick's candy and biscuit factory opened at 1156 Dundas St.

and it's time to end it."

The McCormick factory has sat empty since 2008, and the city is owed about \$744,000 in back property taxes. The site failed to attract a buyer when it was put on the auction block for that amount in July.

A city bylaw mandates that an environmental assessment now be done at the site, and a draft report on that is expected to be done by the end of September, city engineer John Braam said. A second as-

essment to gather more information may be required, given the age of the facility, Braam said.

Once assessments are done, a request for proposals can be issued, pending approval by a city committee.

It's not uncommon for prospective buyers to wait until after an environmental assessment is completed to come forward, said Jim Logan, the city's taxation and revenue manager.

"When you have a tax sale, there's a lot of unknowns and uncertainty with a property," he said, equating it to a "buyer beware" scenario.

What Orser doesn't want is procedure getting in the way of what could be a big project for the east end.

"Let's get it going," he said.

Hydro board. Council alters stance on pay raise

City council has taken a step back from its all-out opposition to a pay increase for London Hydro's board of directors.

Councillors voted 10-4 Tuesday to send the company's proposal back and asked that the amount be reconsidered. During a Monday committee meeting, councillors firmly shot the pitch down.

Coun. Harold Usher, who suggested the scaled-down approach, called council's original stance "appalling."

"I believe that we treated them with disrespect last night by telling them, 'Go away we're not even going to consider your request,'" he said.

Vinay Sharma, London Hydro's chief executive officer, had requested a \$15,000 increase for the board chairman, bringing the annual stipend to \$25,000. Others would have seen their annual stipend increase to \$12,000 from \$6,000, under Sharma's plan. Those paid on a per-meeting basis would have seen compensation increase to \$800 from \$600 for each meeting.

The proposal was made after a third-party analysis of similar companies across Ontario showed London Hydro's directors were earning less money. The board hasn't seen a raise in 12 years.

ANGELA MULLINS/METRO

Council also ...

- Approved having an Oct. 1 public-participation meeting on a proposal that could prohibit smoking in parks and within nine metres of entryways to municipal buildings.
- Instituted a temporary parking ban on portions of five streets near the Western Fair District. The ban will be in effect during the fair, Sept. 7 to 16.

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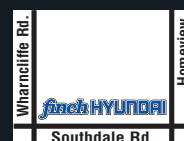
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Rounded game, added muscle may help MacDonald land spot on Knights

OHL hockey season is here. London

Knights training camp underway as fitness, medical testing take place on Tuesday



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A right-handed centreman was largely absent from the London Knights' lineup card last year.

Hometown product Brett Welychka, a natural pivot that played the wing for most of 2011-12, could potentially fill the void when the regular season kicks off in mid-September.

There's a 16-year-old from Guelph, Owen MacDonald, to keep an eye on, though.



Owen MacDonald

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The last pick of the second round of the 2012 OHL draft may sneak his way onto the

Knights' roster by impressing at training camp this week.

"I like to think I'm a three-way player. I play defence, play the middle zone, play offence," MacDonald said on Tuesday, shortly after finishing Day 1 of the three-day tryout.

Sophomore forwards Bo Horvat and Max Domi made relatively seamless transitions from minor midget to the OHL in their rookie campaigns last season.

It was accomplished mainly because they realized how crucial defensive awareness is in junior hockey. Despite being offence-first guys, they took care of London's own end first and foremost.

"That's how you're going to be successful at the next level," MacDonald said. "It's a big jump from minor midget. You can't be one-dimensional."

With 20th-overall selection Liam Herbst shelved after undergoing knee surgery this summer, and Chicago Blackhawks prospect Alex Broadhurst not considered a true rookie, MacDonald is the interim upperclassman of the Knights' 2012 draft group.

"You can't switch up your game in a week," he said of the potential pressure.

At five-foot-eight and approximately 160 pounds, MacDonald will need to prove he can bounce around with Adam Restoule (six-foot-three, 210 pounds) and Tommy Hughes (six-foot-two, 215), the big-bodied camp attendees.

The 43-goal scorer for Guelph's minor midget AAA



Valerie Ward, of London, receives a pair of tickets to Friday's pre-season opener versus the Sarnia Sting from Josh Groot, a London Knights employee, inside the expanded Armoury gift shop on Tuesday. Fans are gearing up for the 2012-13 season, as the Knights hold their first open public scrimmages Wednesday. JOHN MATISZ/METRO

team a season ago believes he's prepared himself well.

"At rookie camp, I couldn't bench 155 pounds once. Today, in fitness testing, I did it three or four times," the two-way threat said.

While there are a total of 75 players signed up to participate in Wednesday and Thursday's scrimmages, not

all have a legitimate chance of beginning the season with the OHL's most recent champions. However, MacDonald will surely be in the running to capture one of the few available forward spots.

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Training camp (open to the public):

- Wednesday and Thursday — scrimmages start at 8 a.m., 9:45 a.m., 1 p.m., 2:45 p.m.

Pre-season (tickets on sale):

- Friday (7:30 p.m.) vs. Sarnia
- Sunday (2 p.m.) vs. Saginaw

Lightning roster shaping up as team philosophy changes course



Last season's National Basketball League of Canada MVP Gabe Freeman works out at the YMCA (382 Waterloo St.) on Tuesday. JOHN MATISZ/METRO

The John Labatt Centre will be renamed Budweiser Gardens in October.

One of its tenants, the London Lightning, has scheduled its training camp around that time. But the basketball club doesn't plan on making dramatic alterations to its on-court brand.

With about two months to go before London's home opener on Nov. 3, the reigning National Basketball League of Canada champions are largely content with its roster.

"We're pretty much done reaching out to players at this point," Lightning general manager Taylor Brown said.

The essentials from last season's core — Gabe Freeman, Eddie Smith, Shamari Spears, DeAnthony Bowden and Tim Ellis — are expected

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"We absolutely have a target on our backs. We're the champs and everybody knows how good we're going to be this year."

Lightning GM Taylor Brown on vibes at Monday's 2012 NBL draft

back. The additions of big man Elvin Mims through free agency, and pint-sized guard Adrian Moss via the NBL draft, bump the "locked-in" total to seven.

Four other new faces appear primed to take a spot on the second edition of the highly successful squad. Forwards Jerome Richardson (drafted), Terrell Bell (signed), Josh Pace (signed), as well as guard Travis Cohn (drafted), have been scooped up to complete London's new approach.

"We've got a different philosophy this year," Brown said of the team's proposed run-and-gun offence. "We don't necessarily need any big guys, the six-foot-11, seven-footers. We want guys who can play multiple positions and create major matchup problems for the other teams."

Already, rangy Freeman can be penciled in either one of the small forward, power forward, and centre positions. Sharp shooter Ellis is effective in both forward pos-

itions, too.

"London is where I'm going to finish playing," said Freeman, a 26-year-old Phoenix, Ariz., native, when asked if the allegiance to the franchise displayed by signing a new contract is a sign of things to come.

As the NBL's first MVP, Freeman was everything for Lightning bench boss Michael Ray Richardson. Case in point, his double-double average — 18.12 points and 12.24 rebounds per game — went peerless.

However, the six-foot-seven, 215-pounder says he's not about to rest on his laurels.

"Everything. The total package," Freeman said bluntly, referring to what he's focused on improving over the summer. "I want to be a complete player."

JOHN MATISZ/METRO

Economic development. \$80M southwestern Ontario jobs bill passes

Communities across southwestern Ontario will receive a major cash injection from the province to try to spur economic growth.

A controversial \$80-million jobs fund for the region has been passed in the Ontario legislature. The Liberals received support from the New Democrats and the bill passed by a vote of 55-32 on Tuesday.

"These funds are about creating jobs and driving the economic growth that community and business leaders know to be successful," said Brad Duguid, Minister of Economic Development and Innovation.

The Progressive Conservatives voted against Bill 11 on Tuesday, saying the province simply can't afford the stimulus fund.

"It's the business community that creates jobs, not the government," said Monte McNaughton, Tory MPP for Lambton Kent-Middlesex.

Under the legislation, the province will provide \$20-million annually for four years to hard-hit communities across southwestern Ontario.

"It really would be focused on opportunities for

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"(The fund) may mean either a company expanding with its current offerings or attracting a new company into the region."

Peter White, president and CEO of the London Economic Development Corporation

job growth," said Peter White, president and CEO of the London Economic Development Corporation.

White says the LEDC is already working on several files and the new fund should help give London a competitive edge.

"When companies are looking at the United States versus Ontario, there are incentives on the table in the U.S. right now that we don't have available," said White. "This again helps give us a competitive leg when we're working on those types of applications, and there are a couple of those currently underway."

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Drivers drum up interest in race weekend

Matt Pritiko, 24, a Londoner and driver for Global Warranty Racing, signs an autograph Tuesday for Aidan Taylor-Urquhart, 5, of London, at the Western Fair District. Pritiko and four other racecar drivers took their high-powered vehicles to downtown streets Tuesday to promote the upcoming Great Canadian Race Weekend at the Delaware Speedway. Pritiko will compete in Sunday's Keystone Light 200, the highlight of the weekend. For details, visit delawarespeedway.com. ANGELA MULLINS/METRO

Video contest promotes better social media habits

Ann Cavoukian, Ontario's Information and Privacy Commissioner, has launched Make the Right Choices, a video contest that calls on young Ontario filmmakers to produce a short video to educate people about protecting their privacy

and making the right choices on the Internet.

The contest is open to residents of Ontario aged 18 to 30. The 12, 27, or 60 seconds of original material must fall under one of the four categories: stay in control of social media; don't

be a cyber-bully; stranger danger; and don't get fired. The first-place prize is a 15-inch MacBook Pro. Contest closes Nov. 30 at 11:59 p.m. EST.

For more information, visit makerightchoices.ca. METRO

Wednesday

Police to celebrate Hindu festival

The London Police Service will celebrate the Hindu festival of Raksha Bandhan on Wednesday at 11 a.m. The ceremony involves tying a Rakhi, or sacred thread, to police officers to mark the fact that they are sworn to protect the public from harm. The event takes place in the Community Room at London Police Headquarters at 601 Dundas St. All members of the public are invited to attend. METRO

Thursday

London musician to play Aeolian

Satirical pop musician and London native Xave Ruth will perform Thursday at Aeolian Hall, 795 Dundas St. E. Ruth's show tells a coming-of-age story set in urban Ontario, and his songs take aim at everything from angst-ridden teens to religious fanatics. Doors open at 7 p.m., and show starts at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$7 in advance, \$10 at the door. METRO

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Report's finding

Temple killer had alcohol problems

The man who killed six Sikhs at a Wisconsin temple had a history of alcohol problems, says a report released Tuesday. Wade Michael Page, 40, died after shooting himself in the head.

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Camouflage suit

'Fake Bigfoot' killed by cars

A man dressed in a military-style ghillie suit who was apparently trying to provoke reports of a Bigfoot sighting was struck by two cars and killed in northwest Montana.

Ghillie suits are a type of full-body clothing made to resemble heavy foliage and

used to camouflage military snipers.

Randy Lee Tenley, 44, of Kalispell "was trying to make people think he was Sasquatch so people would call in a Sasquatch sighting," Trooper Jim Schneider was reported as saying.

"I haven't seen or heard of anything like this before. Obviously, his suit made it difficult for people to see him." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cocaine claimed

Not only cheques in the mail?

Officials say a New Jersey letter carrier used her mail route to courier packages of cocaine for drug traffickers. Bail was set at \$100,000 for Christina Nunez, 30, in a Newark court Tuesday.

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Buyer shocked

Storage unit hid body parts

Brains, hearts and lungs of about 100 people have been found in a Florida storage unit. Officials say it belonged to a former medical examiner. Someone bought the unit last week and noticed a foul smell. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sixteen charged

Hair-cut attacks called hate crime

Sixteen people have been charged with hate crimes — hair-cutting attacks in Ohio against followers of their Amish faith. Such hair-cuttings are considered deeply offensive in the traditional Amish culture. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Waves crashed over a causeway in Navarre, Fla., on Tuesday as Isaac approached the U.S. coast. NICK TOMCEK/NORTHWEST FLORIDA DAILY NEWS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

'Take this seriously,' Obama warns as hurricane roars in

A roiling tropical storm with the innocent-sounding name of Isaac turned into a potential mass killer late Tuesday.

Isaac became a full-blown Category 1 hurricane as it churned its way toward the U.S. Gulf Coast.

Tens of thousands of people were told to leave low-lying areas, including 700 patients of Louisiana nursing homes.

And New Orleans waited nervously behind flood-defence levees strengthened after devastating Hurricane Katrina struck exactly seven years ago.

The U.S. National Hurricane Center said Isaac, with 128 km/h winds, had gained strength as it moved over the warm, open waters of the Gulf.

It was expected to reach

the swampy coast of southeast Louisiana by early Wednesday.

"Now is not the time to tempt fate," U.S. President Barack Obama warned from the White House.

"You need to take this seriously."

But many residents along the Gulf Coast opted to ride it out in shelters or at their homes.

New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu did not activate a mandatory evacuation for Isaac. Instead, officials urged residents to hunker down and make do with the supplies they had.

"We don't expect a Katrina-like event, but remember there are things about a Category 1 storm that can kill you," Landrieu said.

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Dutch bombshell

New claim over 'legitimate rape'

A conservative candidate in Dutch national elections has agreed with U.S. Congressman Todd Akin, who claimed women have a natural defence mechanism that usually prevents them from becoming pregnant in cases of "legitimate rape."

Kees van der Staaij, leader of the small Christian fundamentalist SGP party, said Tuesday that after a woman is raped "the chance of pregnancy is very small."

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Midair ruckus. Senator's wife escapes one charge

The wife of a Manitoba senator is no longer charged with endangering the safety of an aircraft.

The charge was dropped Tuesday when Maygan Sensenberger appeared in court in Saskatoon.

The 23-year-old is still accused of causing a disturbance and uttering threats.

Saskatoon police arrested the woman last week after she allegedly caused a ruckus on a flight from Ottawa while sitting with her husband, 69-year-old Sen. Rod Zimmer.

A witness says Zimmer



Maygan Sensenberger allegedly feared for her husband's health.

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started having health problems on the flight and his wife got emotional about getting him medical treatment.

The case, however, was put over until Wednesday. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Caren and Tom Teves, who lost a son in the shooting, embrace at a news conference Tuesday.

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Fundraising furor. Organizers trading on the memory of 'our murdered loved ones,' emotional family members allege

Anguished family members of victims of the Colorado movie massacre lashed out at organizers of a fundraising campaign Tuesday.

They claimed more than \$5 million has been collected "using pictures and names of our murdered loved ones."

But so far, they said, no more than \$5,000 has been given to each of the families facing bills for medical treatment and other expenses.

The families also said they've been shut out of decisions on how the money should be spent and that fundraisers have been unresponsive to their questions and suggestions.

"When you generate donations for a fund called the Aurora Victim Relief Fund using pictures and names of our murdered loved ones, it would stand to reason the fund is for victims of the

Aurora shooting," said Tom Teves, whose son Alex was one of 12 people killed in the July 20 shootings.

Bullets flew at a midnight screening of The Dark Knight Rises at an Aurora movie theatre. Fifty-eight people were wounded.

At an emotional news conference, Teves demanded the fundraisers give the victims and their families a say in how the money is used.

The suspect in the shootings, 24-year-old James Eagan Holmes, is charged with multiple counts of murder and attempted murder. The next hearing in the case is Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Norwegian PM apologizes for mistakes during massacre

Emergency response. Government promises new plan to deal with crises after 500-page report exposes flaws

Norwegian Prime Minister Jens Stoltenberg on Tuesday apologized for flaws in the response to last year's bomb and gun rampage by a right-wing extremist who killed 77 people and pledged sweeping measures to improve terror preparedness.

Stoltenberg told lawmakers that the government is adopting an emergency plan to deal with crises, including the establishment of a new emergency response centre, improving co-operation between rescue teams and a quicker flow of information between officials.

His address to Parliament came in the wake of a 500-page report by a government-appointed commission that

exposed shortcomings in the Scandinavian country's crisis preparedness and highlighted police blunders during the July 22, 2011, attacks when Anders Behring Breivik gunned down 69 people on Utoya island after exploding a bomb in central Oslo, killing eight.

Breivik, who was convicted of terror and given a 21-year prison sentence that can be extended for as long as he's considered a threat to society, told the court that he had expected to be killed by police.

Instead, their bungled response allowed him to hunt down panicked teenagers on Utoya for more than an hour before they arrested him.

Also, a boat carrying a SWAT team to Utoya was overloaded and stalled, while Norway's only police helicopter wasn't used because its crew was on vacation.

On Tuesday, Stoltenberg conceded that as head of government he held the highest responsibility and that it had taken that responsibility and led the nation in the aftermath of the massacre.

Still, he conceded that mistakes had been made and listing the main conclusions of the report he said: "For this I apologize."

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Norway's Prime Minister Jens Stoltenberg, centre, pays tribute to victims of the twin attacks before a memorial service at Oslo Cathedral on Sunday.

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"We can never correct mistakes made in the past, but we can learn from the past."

Norwegian Prime Minister Jens Stoltenberg

Republicans officially nominate Romney for president



Republican presidential candidate, former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, with his wife Ann, and his newly announced vice-presidential running mate, Rep. Paul Ryan, far right, and his wife, Janna, during a campaign rally in Manassas, Va., in early August. PABLO MARTINEZ MONSIVAIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Republicans have nominated former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney for president, setting the stage for a close contest against President Barack Obama, as a hurricane was poised to hit the Gulf Coast.

In a roll call of states Tuesday, delegates from New Jersey gave Romney enough for the official nod, giving him the prize that eluded him four years ago in his first bid for president. Romney is scheduled to accept his party's nomination in a speech Thursday night.

The political festival aimed at bringing the party together

behind Romney and pitching him to a national audience, especially key independent voters, has shrunk to a three-day affair because of the storm. Monday's planned opening was symbolic and over in minutes.

Hurricane Isaac could rain down on a wide swathe of the Gulf Coast, including New Orleans, around the same time Romney's wife, Ann, speaks to the convention Tuesday night. Her mission is to show a more personal side of a candidate the Obama campaign has tried to paint as a big-business titan out of touch with the struggles of

average Americans.

Polls show Romney and Obama running about even, but each man holds significant leads with voters in important areas that could sway the roughly 10 per cent of Americans who say they haven't settled yet on one man or the other.

Trying to balance leadership with campaigning, Obama delivered an update on Isaac from the White House before leaving on a three-state trip. "Now is not the time to tempt fate," he said. "You need to take this seriously." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Economy election

- Obama holds a big lead in polls as the candidate who best relates to the needs of poor and middle-class Americans.
- Romney is more highly regarded as the candidate who can restore the economy. Now he must reach out to more conservative Republicans who are wary of his more moderate views on social issues.

Yasser Arafat

Was Palestinian leader poisoned?

French prosecutors opened a murder inquiry into the death of Yasser Arafat on Tuesday, his widow's lawyer said, after she and a TV investigation raised new questions about whether the Palestinian leader was poisoned.

There have long been

rumours in the Arab world that Arafat was poisoned, and a Swiss lab's recent finding of elevated levels of polonium-210 — a rare and highly lethal radioactive substance — on Arafat's clothing has fed those claims. However, the Institute of Radiation Physics said its findings were inconclusive and that only exhuming Arafat's remains could bring possible clarity. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Yasser Arafat THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ukraine

Jailed opposition leader makes appeal

Lawyers for Ukraine's jailed opposition leader, Yulia Tymoshenko, appealed to Europe's human rights court Tuesday as her only hope for a fair hearing, accusing the government of rigging the criminal case against her. A lawyer for

the government denied any political motive and said her complaints about prison conditions and injuries were groundless.

An architect of Ukraine's 2004 Orange Revolution, Tymoshenko has been jailed since her arrest in a courtroom in August 2011, accused of negotiating a corrupt gas deal with Russia when she was prime minister. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Yulia Tymoshenko's daughter, Eugenia, listens to one of her mother's lawyers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Samsung facing a rethink following Apple patent verdict

'Fast follower.' South Korean tech giant must now figure out how to tackle the challenge of moving from imitation to innovation

A U.S. jury's \$1-billion US verdict against Samsung for what rival Apple claimed was the illegal copying of its iPhone and iPad designs signals a turning point for the South Korean electronics giant known for its prowess in adapting the innovations of others and nimbly executing production.

The verdict not only jolted the world of global gadgetry but also likely sparked some soul-searching in Suwon, South Korea, where the family-run Samsung conglomerate is based.

The world's top seller of smartphones finds itself in the post-iPhone reality, where

Strict hierarchy

- Samsung's top-heavy command structure centres on the founding family. At the apex is 70-year-old Lee Kun-hee, who inherited the mantle from his father, Samsung founder Lee Byung-chull, in 1987.
- The strict hierarchy has enabled speedy and bold investment and swift execution. That, plus the ability to build on the innovations of others, has helped Samsung become the world's largest maker of televisions, memory chips, liquid crystal display panels and now smartphones.

the decades-long practice of industry mimicry now can mean a bruising legal challenge.

And so Samsung finds it-

self in a position of having to recreate itself as an innovator, not an imitator. But the switch, experts say, will be much more challenging and time-consuming than the shortcuts Samsung used to take.

Samsung has long been regarded as a "fast follower" — imitating or licensing technologies and then competing by lowering costs, improving quality and adding functions.

When Apple released its cutting-edge iPhone in 2007, Samsung employees were likely too pressed to catch up to scrutinize possible patent encroachments. South Korea's idea of intellectual property is also less strict than that in the U.S., and speedy execution is highly valued at Samsung.

Still, Samsung outsold Apple this year in smartphones by offering more variety, including low-end phones for price-conscious consumers.

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Lincoln luxury rolls into China

Ford Motor Co. unveils its Lincoln concept car at a converted 600-year-old temple in Beijing on Tuesday. Ford, eager to grab a piece of China's growing luxury market, plans to start selling Lincoln vehicles there in 2014 — the first time that the nearly 100-year-old brand will be available in China. The Lincolns sold in China will be made in North America, at least initially. FORD MOTOR CO./THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Online security

Java susceptible to hacking: Experts

Computer security experts are warning about a new vulnerability involving the ubiquitous Java plug-in, which allows programs to be run inside a web browser. Oracle, the creator of Java, has long been criticized for allowing security exploits in its software to go unchecked. The latest vulnerability, which has been circulating since last week, could allow hackers to gain access to a user's computer with a so-called "drive-by download."

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Dow Jones: 13,102.99 (-21.68)		

New U.S. fuel standards aim to double average gas mileage



President Barack Obama appears at a campaign event at Iowa State University on Tuesday.

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The Obama administration has finalized new fuel economy rules that will require the fleet-wide average of new cars and trucks sold in the U.S. to double over the next 13 years.

The average fuel economy must reach 54.5 miles (87.7 km) per gallon (3.8 liters) by 2025, up from 28.6 mpg at the end of last year.

The regulations will bring dramatic changes to the cars and trucks in U.S. showrooms, with the goal of cutting greenhouse gas emissions and fuel consumption.

To meet the standard, automakers will need to introduce

new technology to improve gasoline-powered engines. And they'll need to sell more alternative fuel vehicles. Critics say the rules will add thousands to the price of new cars and make them unaffordable for many.

The administration says the latest changes will save families more than \$1.7 trillion US in fuel costs and bring an average savings of \$8,000 over the lifetime of a new vehicle sold in 2025. The standards also are the biggest step the U.S. government has ever taken toward cutting greenhouse gas emissions, Environmental Protec-

Fuel-efficient vehicles

- By 2025, some bigger models may disappear, and dealers could offer more efficient gas-electric hybrids, natural-gas vehicles and electric cars.
- There also will be smaller motors, lighter bodies and more devices to save fuel, such as circuits that temporarily shut off engines at traffic lights.

tion Agency Administrator Lisa Jackson said. Tailpipe emissions from cars and light trucks will be halved by 2025, the government said.

President Barack Obama said the new fuel standards "represent the single most important step" his administra-

tion has taken to reduce U.S. dependence on foreign oil.

The gas mileage requirements will be phased in gradually and get tougher starting in 2017. They build on a 2009 deal between the Obama administration and automakers that committed cars and trucks

to average 35.5 mpg by model year 2016.

In the arcane world of government regulations, the rules don't mean that cars and trucks will average 54.5 mpg in 13 years. It's actually closer to 40 mpg in real-world driving.

The new rules were adopted after an agreement between the administration and 13 automakers last year. That's a change from the past, when automakers fought stricter fuel economy changes, saying it cost them too much to build vehicles to meet the stricter standards.

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Lumber. B.C. bucks downturn in wood prices

British Columbia bucked a global trend as strong demand from Asia and the United States boosted sawlog prices in the second quarter.

Global prices fell for the fourth consecutive three-month quarter and were 11.5 per cent lower than a year ago, industry publication Wood Resource Quarterly said Tuesday.

The only exceptions were Canada's key wood-producing region and the western U.S.. No specific price increases were disclosed.

The Global Sawlog Price

Index was \$82.90 US per cubic metre in the quarter. The index, which measures sawlog prices in 20 regions of the world, was down 3.4 per cent from the first quarter and off from its 17-year high last year.

The largest price decreases were in Europe. Prices were on average 14 per cent lower than the second quarter of 2011.

Canadian producers have been helped by a 13 per cent increase in U.S. lumber consumption in May, marking the highest month of May since 2008. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Revamp. Lexmark lays off 1,700, cuts inkjet printers

Lexmark is jettisoning its inkjet printers and laying off 1,700 workers as paper becomes increasingly passé in an age of ever-sleeker digital devices and online photo albums on Internet hangouts like Facebook.

The shake-up announced Tuesday is the latest fallout from the growing popularity of smartphones and tablet computers that make it easier to store and retrieve content from anywhere with an Internet connection.

As a result, computer printers are used less fre-

Quoted

"It's a declining market with far too many players."

Gartner Inc. analyst Federico De Silva, who estimates the number of monthly pages printed by the average consumer has fallen by more than 40 per cent in recent years.

quently, especially at home. That's hurting printer makers, whose revenue is falling at the same time profit margins are being squeezed by fierce competition.

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Media. Brit press watchdog fields complaints over pics

A press watchdog says it has received some 3,600 complaints over The Sun's decision to publish nude photos of Britain's Prince Harry.

The tabloid was the only national newspaper to carry the pictures, which first appeared online and quickly became an international talking point.

They captured the prince frolicking in the nude after what was alleged to have been a game of strip billiards in his Las Vegas hotel room.

Royal officials weren't among those who'd filed complaints with Britain's Press



Prince Harry at the 2012 Summer Olympics. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

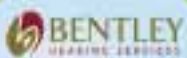
Complaints Commission. That makes it unlikely any action will be taken against The Sun, which said it published the photos in the public interest. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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WHOSE IDEA WAS IT TO GIVE SMARTPHONES TO STUPID PEOPLE?



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It happened overnight.

One day, people went about their business, sharp and alert, and then, the very next day, the streets and roads were filled with slack-jawed zombies peering into

little screens, tapping compulsively on little keypads, oblivious to anyone and anything around them.

Smartphones have almost instantly turned us all, well, many of us anyway, into stupid people.

People who drive into each other at high speeds because they're too busy tapping LOL into their smartphones.

People who try to order lunch in a busy lineup at the same time agreeing with their girlfriend (who is somewhere else) that all men are, like, totally potting soil.

People who block street corners and doorways and elevators, breathing through their mouths, inert.

Arrive alive: Think and drive

There's a story about a stupid man who was so busy downloading an app on his smartphone while he was driving that it wasn't until he got home, parked his van in the driveway and police came to his door, he learned he ran over a 300-pound man in the street.

There's a photo of a truck with a message on the back: "Don't text and drive: Yours may be on the next shipment: Batesville Casket Company."

There's a story about how people with smartphones have become such a danger to themselves and others in Fort Lee, N.J., that the local police chief has officers ticketing people on the spot. He had to do something as there have already been 23 text-related pedestrian accidents since January.

And finally, there's the story of the Stupidest Person Ever. A college student (named Chance, LOL) from Texas was driving when he texted to his friend: "I need to quit texting, because I could die in a car accident." He then immediately drove off a bridge and over a cliff. He suffered a broken neck, a crushed face, a fractured skull, and brain trauma. How could that be? He has no brain.

Believe it or not, distracted smartphone-related driving led to 3,000 road fatalities in the U.S. last year. If this keeps up, an entire generation will go over the cliff along with Chance.

At that point, the meek and a few others who can't afford a smartphone shall inherit the Earth.

At last, IMHO.



Texting while driving is nothing to LOL about. YOUTUBE SCREEN GRAB

Game of cat and mouse continues



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Mouse play

British PM's cat snatches a mouse

Larry, the Downing Street cat, is seen on patrol.

The tabby recruited by British Prime Minister David Cameron to ward off mice at his official residence, 10 Downing Street, has recorded his first kill in months. A Downing Street spokeswoman says a staff member found the five-year-old Chief Mouser Tuesday sitting outside the famous black door with a dead mouse. Larry, a former stray, has been known to take a relaxed approach to his duties.

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David Cameron

Heathrow expansion

Kill made at same time as MP's mouse call

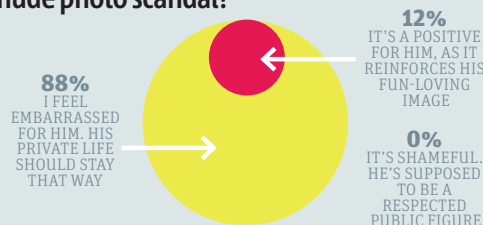
The timing couldn't have been better: On Tuesday, a member of Cameron's Conservative Party was questioning whether the leader was "man or mouse" over his opposition to the expansion of Heathrow Airport.

Tim Yeo is pressing Cameron to change his mind. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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What's your opinion on the Prince Harry nude photo scandal?



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A young girl starts displaying disturbing behaviour after purchasing an old artifact in *The Possession*. HANDOUT

Scary? Yes, but don't call it a horror movie, actor says

The Possession.

New film more of a character piece, says Jeffrey Dean Morgan

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Metro World News in Hollywood

Jeffrey Dean Morgan is all for you getting scared watching *The Possession* — about a young girl who starts displaying disturbing behaviour after her family purchases an old Hebrew artifact — but it's not a horror movie, he swears.

Morgan, who plays the girl's beleaguered dad in the film, makes his pitch for *The Possession* as a character piece and offers some insight on why audiences can't get enough of exorcisms.

What was the initial draw for you for this project?

Everybody wants to label this as a horror movie, and I never considered it to be a horror movie going in.

It actually had a story to it, and I'm so used to horror movies this day and age being found footage, shaky camera, just a f—ing visual onslaught of gore.

This movie actually had a story and it reminded me of the movies that I thought were scary — *The Exorcist* and *Rosemary's Baby* and *The Omen* — where you could become invested in those characters. This had that. (I play) a recently divorced guy trying to be a good father and sort of failing miserably with two teenage daughters.

So you've got a family that's kind of been troubled at the heart of this. And then of

course there's demons inside people, so there's that (laughs).

But it's really, I think, a character piece. I think it really gives the opportunity for us to act and for (director) Ole (Bornedal) to direct, and that helps a great deal when doing this kind of thing.

Why do you think demonic possession continues to be such a popular topic for horror films?

Yeah, I mean people go see these movies, for sure. I don't know, I didn't ever really put it together but it's always the kid who gets possessed, and the parents are trying to, I guess, save the day — with a priest or a rabbi, I guess, in our case.

But I just think a child getting possessed is... what is more horrific for a parent than that? And I think that's some-

thing that maybe people can somehow relate to. And what 11-year-old girl isn't possessed?

Plus so many of them purport to be based on true stories.

There is that element of it could happen, maybe. I'm a skeptic when it comes to all that paranormal activity and craziness and possession, but in doing the little bit of research that I did for this movie, there's some scary s— out there. You can see it on the Internet, actual exorcisms and stuff that have happened.

I've got to wonder how that is there. I mean, it doesn't look staged to me, and it's super-scary. But I think there's that element that this could be a real thing. And people argue that it absolutely is a real thing, and I think because of that it's interesting subject matter.

Inanimate objects can be evil too



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misfortune to everyone who comes in contact with it.

It's not the first time that the movies have imbued an inert object with evil powers.

There have been loads of haunted houses in the movies. In most of them, however, the house is merely a vessel for a spirit or some unseen entity that makes its presence known by making the walls bleed or randomly slamming doors. Rarer is the house that is actually evil.

Stephen King wrote about a house that eats people in the third installment of his *Dark Tower* series. On screen Robert Zemeckis and Steven Spielberg visualized the idea in the appro-

priately titled *Monster House*.

In this animated movie three teens figure out the house across the street is a man-eating monster.

By the time they got around to the fourth installment of the most famous haunted house series, the *Amityville Horror*, filmmakers had to figure out a new plotline apart from the tired "new owners move in to the house, get freaked out leave," storyline. In *The Amityville Horror: The Evil Escapes*, a cursed lamp causes all sorts of trouble when it is shipped from the evil Long Island house to a Californian mansion.

Much weirder is *Rubber*, the story of a killer tire — yes, you

read that right — with psychokinetic powers — think *Carrie* with treads — who terrorizes the American southwest. It's an absurdist tract on how and why we watch movies, what entertainment is and the movie business, among other things. But frankly, mostly it's about a tire rolling around the desert and while there is something kind of hypnotic about watching the tire on its murderous journey — think *Natural Born Killers* but round and rubbery — that doesn't mean *Rubber* is a good movie.

Finally, think bed bugs are bad? How about a hungry bed? The title of this one sums it up: *Death Bed: The Bed that Eats*.

Movie reviews



Lawless

Director. John Hillcoat

Stars. Tom Hardy, Shia LaBeouf, Guy Pearce

Lawless sees director John Hillcoat once more teaming up with cult gothic rock god Nick Cave for a violent, meandering, macho shoot em up. The results are less weighty than their previous Cave penned collaborations, *Ghosts of the Civil Dead* and *The Proposition*, in fact, despite the ample bloodshed and agony on screen, *Lawless* is actually kind of a — gasp — good time.

Not words you'd expect from the man who gave us the bleaker than death adaptation of *The Road* (in which Cave and partner Warren Ellis also composed the score, as they do here) but the film, which sees Shia LaBeouf as a gentle younger sibling to a fierce brood of prohibition era moonshiners is painted with such broad, arch strokes and is filled with such buoyant roots music — the best soundtrack of its kind since *O Brother Where Art Thou* — that only the hardest heart wouldn't smile.

There's equally fantastic performances from LaBeouf, Hillcoat regular Guy Pearce (in pure Snidely Whiplash ultra-villain role) and especially, the imposing Tom Hardy, re-channelling his Bane character as a hardened, but gallant, thug with a moral code. Even Hardy's *Dark Knight* cast mate Gary Oldman shows up and steals scenes as a psycho tommy gun wielding gangster.

Mixing action and even western tropes with fine, sepia soaked period detail and detours of visual and aural poetry, *Lawless* is an immersive joy and one of the finest films of the year. CHRIS ALEXANDER

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On the web



The *Walking Dead*' actor Scott Wilson arrested in Georgia on drunken driving charge

Christina Aguilera says upcoming disc is a 'rebirth' after years in music industry

New music. Pop star has been through a lot since her last album, including a divorce from music mogul Jordan Bratman

Christina Aguilera is comparing her upcoming album to a "rebirth."

With more than a decade in the music business behind her, the album will be a culmination of "everything I've experienced up until this point," the 31-year-old pop star said in a recent interview.

"I've been through a lot since the release of my last album, being on (The Voice), having had a divorce," she said. "This is all sort of a free rebirth for me."

Aguilera and Jordan Bratman were married for five years before she filed for divorce in 2010. They have a four-year-old son, Max.

Her new album's first sin-



Christina Aguilera, a coach on NBC's singing contest The Voice, will perform the first single, Your Body, on the show on Sept. 17. MATT SAYLES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

gle, Your Body, was produced by Max Martin, who also produced Aguilera's last hit, the Maroon 5 smash Moves Like Jagger, where she was featured.

"I'm embracing many different things, but it's all feel-good," she said of the album's material, including tracks that are "super expressive" and fun, with moments that

are "super vulnerable."

The new album, which is without a release date or announced title, will feature fellow Voice coach Cee Lo Green and comes two years

after Aguilera's lacklustre Bi-onic, which has sold 310,000 units, according to Nielsen SoundScan.

That album featured electronic and dance-flavoured

Quote

"I've been through a lot since the release of my last album, being on (The Voice), having had a divorce."

Christina Aguilera
On her new album

tracks as well as pop ballads; it's her only album to not reach platinum status.

"In the fashion that I always like to put forth, it's very self-expressive and it's all heartfelt," Aguilera said of her new material.

Adam Levine, Maroon 5 frontman and a Voice coach, told Aguilera at a recent news conference for the show that he'd heard Your Body and added, "I hate you because it's so good."

Aguilera will perform the song on NBC's The Voice on Sept. 17. The show's third season starts Sept. 10.

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Sheeran collaborates with Swift

You Oughta Know Tour. The man behind multiple tracks for multiple acts has already sold 1 million units in U.K. from first solo album

Ed Sheeran never wanted to be in a boy band, but when he wrote a song called Moments when he was 15, he knew it would someday be a perfect song for a male group.

Luckily for Sheeran, his friends — the English pop quintet One Direction — needed a song, and asked the breakthrough singer to send something their way.

"It was always a song that I always intended for a boy band. I was like, 'This is my boy band song, but I'm never going to sing it,'" Sheeran, now 21, recalled. "I just held on to it for a long period of time."

Moments, a pop ballad, made its way as a bonus track to One Direction's platinum-selling debut album, Up All Night, released in March.

He's teaming up again with One Direction for the group's sophomore album, and recently wrote and recorded songs with Taylor Swift for her upcoming fourth album, Red. He was

tight-lipped about the collaboration, but said the experience was a "breath of fresh air" because of Swift's colossal success.

"As a person, Taylor's such a sweetheart," he said in a recent interview. "(She's) the perfect example of what musicians should be and how they should work and react. She just loves music and she's not in it for anything else."

English-born Sheeran says he has more than 100 tracks dedicated to other acts. But he isn't just providing tunes for others; he's busy promoting his own songs.

His debut album has sold more than 1 million units in the United Kingdom since its release last September. It was released in the United States in June, where it debuted at No. 5 on Billboard's Top 200 albums chart.

He describes his sound as a mix of "folk, acoustic, hip-hop, soul, everything." His influences range from Damien Rice to James Morrison to Jay-Z.

"I started rapping probably before I started singing," said Sheeran, who will kick off the VH1 You Oughta Know Tour With Ed Sheeran on Sept. 8 in Orlando, Fla. "I was really into Eminem when ... The Slim Shady LP came out. ... I wasn't allowed to have it 'cause he swears a lot."

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Ed Sheeran has released his own album. CHARLES SYKES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



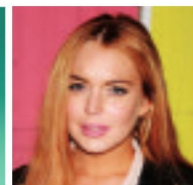
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The Cliff Restaurant overlooks a private cove. SUPPLIED



Toronto chef Mark McEwan at the Barbados food fest. SUPPLIED

Enjoying rum, fish always better in the Caribbean

Barbados. Ever-popular tropical destination offers local, exotic and exciting food and drink

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As far as Caribbean islands go, there are few that are as robust in their food, wine and rum offerings than Barbados. From the weekly fish fry and rum shacks strewn along the roads across the island to truly fine rum and upscale restaurants, there's much to be enjoyed on the scenic island of Barbados.

For those looking to try the island's traditional fare, head to the St Lawrence Gap's many restaurants where you can get a taste of dishes like cou cou with flying fish, the national dish of Barbados, officially. Unofficially, there's also favourites like macaroni pie, Bajan pepper sauce and Toronto chef Mark McEwan's pick: "fish sandwiches" or fish cutters, best experienced at Cuz's Fish Stand on Pebbles Beach near Bridgetown.

Then, there's the famous fish fry. At Oistins on Friday and Saturday nights, you can get the day's catch fried or grilled, with a beer in hand and island music in the air.

"Instead of going to a museum like you would in Europe, you've got to get to Oistins for a fish fry when you're in Barbados," says celeb chef Marcus Samuelsson, who, like McEwan can be seen on the island during the Barbados Food & Wine and Rum Festival.

Rum aficionados will not want to miss a visit to Mount Gay Distilleries, home to the world's oldest rum brand (since 1703), Mount Gay Rum.

For a more artisanal rum, visit St. Nicholas Abbey, home to an original 17th century plantation home and distillery where they sell an eight-year and 12-year old rum. Better yet, when you bring the bottle back to the distillery, they'll fill it up for you half price.

If you're vying for one final meal on the island, head to The Cliff Restaurant. Overlooking a private cove, watch the sun go down on the beachside patio with



Marcus Samuelsson at the Barbados food fest. SUPPLIED

cocktail in hand while the wave comes in under the glow of romantic lit torches, setting the stage for one of the finest upscale wining and dining experiences on the island.

Want to spend time rubbing elbows with celebrity chefs while noshing on the best food, wine and rum Barbados has to offer? Then look no further than the Barbados Food & Wine and

Rum Festival.

This year, the festival will take place November 16 to 19, 2012 with celebrity chef events, cooking demonstrations, tastings and tours of rum distilleries, just to name a few.

This year's Barbados Food & Wine and Rum Festival will feature celebrity chefs like Canada's own chef Mark McEwan (head judge of Top Chef Canada and proprietor

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of Bymark and North 44 in Toronto, just to name a few) along with Marcus Samuelsson (chef of Red Rooster in New York City and winner of Top Chef Masters) and Stephanie Izard (chef of Girl and the Goat in Chicago, Top Chef winner) — just to name a few. Past years have seen the likes of Tim Love, Fergus Henderson, Ming Tsai and Tom Colicchio.

On the web



Berlin to mark centenary of famed Nefertiti bust's find with show of works from Egypt site.

Virginia craft brewers raise their glasses to burgeoning beer market

Drinkers kept hopping. Over the last five years, the state's small beermakers have forged quite the attraction for thirsty tourists

From Virginia's industrial outskirts of Richmond to the pastoral landscapes of the Blue Ridge Mountains and beyond, an army of artisans are turning their love of beer into business.

Armed with an arsenal of barley and hops, these craft brewers are looking to cash in on a growing interest in all things local, including alcoholic libations.

And recent changes to state law are helping craft brewers grow their business.

With about 40 craft breweries in the state, Virginia pales

in comparison to U.S. states like California, Oregon and Colorado. But craft brewers in Virginia hope to build on the success of the state's wine industry, which has seen steady growth in recent years and continues to attract tourists seeking to enjoy the concoctions made by Virginia craftsmen.

For the first time, the state has designated August as Virginia Craft Beer month, highlighted by events at breweries, including a statewide festival and competition Saturday at the award-winning Devils Backbone Brewing Company in Nelson County.

"It's exciting right now. ... There's been a real movement in the last five years," said Mike Killelea, chairman of the Virginia Craft Brewers Guild and a brewer at Richmond's Legend Brewing Co. for more than five years.

"Within about two years, you're probably going to have a brewery within a short drive of pretty much every citizen in the commonwealth. ... My hope

Quick facts

- **\$9 billion.** The size of the craft brewery industry in the United States.
- **104,000.** The number of jobs craft brewers provide.
- **11.5 million.** The number of barrels of beer craft brewers sold in 2011.

is that people become more aware of the great beer scene here."

"Craft brewers have become known for their innovation, so they take old world beer styles and have pushed the envelope — packing more flavour ... and doing modern twists on classic styles that often now have created completely different new world styles of beer," said Julia Herz, the craft beer program director at the Brewers Association.

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Virginia artisans are turning their love of beer into a booming business. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Seven is the magic number for making this Grilled Mushroom Pita Pizza. That's the number of ingredients you'll need to take snacking to a new level of sophistication.

Pita bread with mushrooms make these individual grilled pizzas a delightful lunch or snack.

If the mushrooms are too long for the pitas, thickly slice the mushrooms on a cutting board and place on top of the spinach. Thinner pitas will crisp better than thick ones.

1. In a small bowl, whisk oil and garlic together; lightly brush mushrooms on both sides with garlic oil.

Ingredients

- 45 ml (3 tbsp) olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, crushed into olive oil
- 4 large fresh portobello mushroom caps
- 4 whole-wheat pita breads (15 to 18 cm/6 to 7 inches)
- 75 ml (1/3 cup) sun-dried tomato pesto
- 1 l (4 cups) baby spinach or arugula leaves (60 g/2 oz)
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) shaved Parmesan or Romano cheese
- Freshly ground pepper, to taste

Grilled Mushroom Pita Pizza



This recipe serves four. THE CANADIAN PRESS H/O

2. Barbecue mushrooms on high heat for 2 to 3 minutes per side or until mushrooms are lightly softened.

3. Meanwhile, place pitas on barbecue over high heat and

cook for 2 minutes on one side or until warmed through. Remove to a tray or cutting board and spread softer side with tomato pesto. Top with spinach and then warm mushrooms, stem side up.

4. Return to barbecue and cook for additional 2 to 3 minutes or until slightly crisp. Garnish with Parmesan. Cut in halves or quarters and serve immediately. Season with pepper.

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Skip the meat for veg

Grilled vegetables never tasted so good thanks to a walnut aioli that adds flavour and protein. Balanced spices and herbs lend an earthy aroma and mouth watering flavours to every single bite.

1. Lemon Aioli: In a food processor pulse walnuts, Dijon, tahini, mayonnaise and lemon juice into a chunky paste. Set aside.

2. In bowl, toss zucchini, eggplant, pepper, tomatoes and onion with 30 ml (2 tbsp) of olive oil, salt and pepper and grill to desired doneness.

3. Brush bread with remaining oil and grill on both sides. Rub each slice of bread with garlic. Spoon 15 ml (1 tbsp) of aioli on 2 slices of bread and place one-quarter of the grilled vegetables between the slices.

4. Repeat with remaining bread and vegetables. Garnish with basil leaves.



This sandwich serves four. THE CANADIAN PRESS H/O

Ingredients

Lemon Walnut Aioli

- 250 ml (1 cup) walnuts, toasted
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) Dijon mustard
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) tahini
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) mayonnaise
- 1 lemon, juiced

Vegetable Sandwich

- 1 medium zucchini, sliced into 1-cm (1/2-inch) coins
- 1 small eggplant, cut in 1-cm (1/2-inch) slices

- 1 orange pepper, sliced in strips
- 4 small tomatoes, sliced in half
- 1 onion, sliced 1 cm (1/2 inch) thick
- 60 ml (4 tbsp) olive oil
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- 8 slices sourdough bread
- 1 clove garlic
- Handful fresh basil leaves, cut in chiffonade (optional)

Drink of the Week

Strawberry-Ginger Limade Slushies

Strawberries and limade is a classic summer combination. Throw in some ginger and you have a refreshing drink with which to keep cool.

- 3 cups lightly crushed ice
- 1 cup water
- 1 cup strawberry jam
- 1/4 cup lime juice
- 1 tbsp grated fresh ginger
- Pinch salt

Combine all ingredients in a blender. Purée until smooth. You may need to stop the blender once or twice and stir the ingredients in order to keep them moving in the blender. Serve immediately.

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From athletic blog to journalism job

If you type it, the job may come.

Chris Lund's success story illustrates that pursuing your passion produces opportunity

ELIAS
DA SILVA-POWELL
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Chris Lund graduated from Queen's University in 2011 with a range of experience more accustomed to someone many years his senior.

Only two months after graduation, he started a position as a web editor and writer for The Score Sports Network, managing the website's editorial content.

It's an entry-level job any sports journalist would jump at.

Chris hadn't cashed in on family connections; he hadn't lied on his numerous resumé's; indeed, he isn't even a graduate of a journalism program.

And yet, despite Chris's uncommon track record with the written word, his journey begins with that most conventional of written modes — a blog.

Humble beginnings

In July 2009, Chris and his

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Question of the day: Which online tools are you using to stand out to employers? (e.g., blogging, Pinterest, Twitter, LinkedIn, Tumblr, etc)

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Twitter and LinkedIn, I find are very promising in sending the message across.



Just another day at the office. ISTOCK

friend Matt Piazza started a blog at AlwaysOUA.blogspot.com.

The duo were dissatisfied with the then-limited coverage of Ontario University Athletics (OUA).

National media outlets pay little attention to varsity level game play, while university press departments generally focus on the prospects of their own teams.

"We didn't want what we thought were very entertaining and very competitive sports to go unnoticed," said Chris.

Original ideas are rare on the Internet. With millions of blogs online — over 100 million as of 2011 — it's safe to say that if you can think of a topic, someone is probably blogging about it already.

AlwaysOUA proved the exception.

It all worked out

"I turned the blogging experience into work, which really taught me how to function at the professional level."

Chris Lund

Branching out

The blog suddenly filled a void for the OUA community.

"We had press credentials from pretty much every school and team in the province within our first month, just because teams are so willing to have extra coverage," said Chris.

Close proximity to teams helped the pair develop interesting coverage while exploring different ways to raise the profile of OUA game play.

"We conducted polls ask-

ing students, 'How can we get you out to games?' and shared the results with schools and teams," Chris said.

Chris also submitted an op-ed piece to the Queen's University student newspaper, titled, We need to value our campus athletics, and put his mouth where his money was, taking the microphone as the sports director for Queen's campus radio station, CFRC-FM.

More than just a blog

Within a year, the blog started an opportunity snowball.

Chris was contacted by The Score Sports Network, who asked him to contribute to their University Rush blog.

With his foot in the door, Chris began networking with professionals in his field and found himself in touch with a copy editor for The Hockey News, who referred him to the

paper's editorial internship program. He started in May 2011.

"The Hockey News is the premier publication for the sport. NHL players have subscriptions. If it says it in there, it matters," said Chris.

With his experience in writing, editing and public relations, Chris set his sights on a full-time job when a web editor position at The Score crossed his desk.

With his track record for dedicated work at the grassroots level and beyond, it's no surprise he got the job.

Back to basics

Now 22, Chris has a LinkedIn profile with a volume of qualifications and experience that most of us hope to have in five years — with luck.

He maintains that his accomplishments all began with his work in blogging.

Sound advice

Words of wisdom

Chris was fortunate in finding an unfulfilled niche in the blogosphere, but his success also took a great deal of perseverance and dedication. His experience yields some excellent advice.

- "With the advent of online media like blogging, there is an overwhelming amount of competition but there are also an overwhelming number of opportunities to get experience and to get noticed," he said.

- "Your writing will speak for itself, but you still have to be out there enough to find the right eyes."

"When the blog started getting attention from other writers and schools, I had a moment where I thought, 'I can do this.' That was the moment I realized that this work is what I want to do for a living."

Blogging not only helped him develop the conviction to pursue a lifelong passion, but gave him the tools to do so.

"I turned the blogging experience into work which really taught me how to function at the professional level. I wouldn't have had a portfolio worthy of The Score without the blog, I wouldn't have had a portfolio worthy of The Hockey News without The Score and the blog, and so on."

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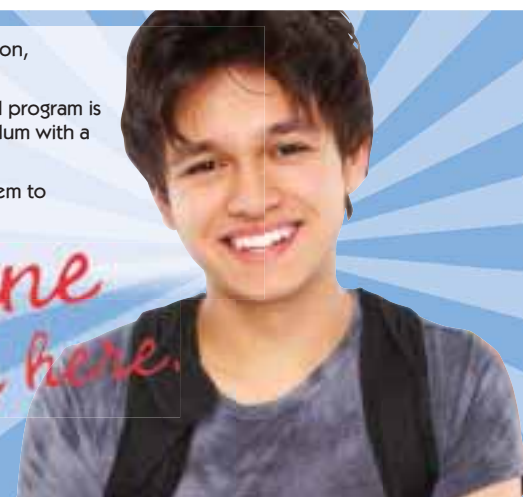
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Student Voice

Missing the target: Hiring with bias

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I recently moved to Germany on a competitive dual degree program offered by Brock University. Although fortunate to have received entrance into the program, I was somewhat hesitant knowing that I would be missing recruiting season in September. Apart from being abroad during recruiting season, a more significant obstacle that I encountered was employers wanting to largely, if not only, recruit from 'target schools'. All of the companies that I applied to had a recruiting process set up on campus at target schools, and little or no resources dedicated for external applicants from 'non-target schools'. Most companies I contacted, simply directed me to an online process from which I never heard back. Knowing that I am a high caliber student, I felt largely disadvantaged simply knowing that my application wouldn't receive as much attention based on my skills, experiences and achievements, and would rather skim me out based on the university that I attended.

Where I am now

At the moment, I am completing my last year at the European Business School, EBS Universität für Wirtschaft und Recht in Germany, with a specialization in International Business and Strategic Management.

My recommendations for employers, schools and career centres

Based on this experience, I would encourage employers to invest resources and efforts not only to recruit from 'target schools', but also in a process which allows high-caliber students from 'non-target' schools to have a fair, if not equal, chance at employment opportunities. By doing this, employers will not only have the ability to recruit and retain top talent based largely on academic merit, but also based on skill, experience and the potential of candidates from these 'non-target' schools.

My recommendations for students

As overall advice to students who are applying to companies who do not target their schools for recruitment, I would say that networking is the key! There are plenty of ways you can differentiate yourself from those candidates that do attend target schools. The first step is to establish a brand for yourself. Understand your strengths and your areas of interest, and use that to develop a strong application. Once you have perfected your application and the personal brand message that you want to be represented by, start contacting recruiters! This can be through attending networking events on and off-campus, looking up recruiter contact information on company directories, as well as introducing yourself to recruiters on LinkedIn.

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How to Pin down your dream position

An interest in Pinterest. How to use this ultra-connected corkboard to land a job

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Sure, Pinterest is great for finding recipes, wedding dresses and learning how to make your own deodorant, but this visually driven social media can also help you find a job.

In an age where professional Facebook pages and Twesumes are becoming regular additions to job applications, having a professional Pinterest account can help you stand out from the rest of the online crowd.

For those who aren't familiar with the site, Pinterest allows its users to set up an online page and post original and shared content in the form of photos, much like you would pin something to a cork-board. The photo layout of the site makes it easy for readers to get a lot of information in a small amount of space.

Pinterest can be a great way to showcase your skills to potential employers, especially if you're in creative or marketing fields.

Create a resumé and portfolio on Pinterest

According to Pinterest's Pin Etiquette, boards are intended to be authentic reflections of each user. And with more than six million users, including major companies, you're showcasing who you are to a big audience.

Creating a professional Pinterest board for your resumé and work portfolio can



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"With more than six million users, including major companies, you're showcasing who you are to a big audience."

Ishani Nath

showcase your skills, talent and creativity to potential employers.

Marketing expert Christopher Penn says, "The key to figuring out how to present effectively on Pinterest is to present visually even for non-visual stuff."

Instead of just telling people you're gutsy, pin a photo of you sky diving to your Pinterest resumé board with the caption "Skydiving? Risk taker." That's exactly what Harvard business school graduate Jeanne Hwang did. Jeanne used her board to showcase her previous jobs, her interests and even a picture of her puppy.

While you can, and should, get creative with what goes on your board, play it straight with your headlines. Titling your boards 'Resumé' or 'Portfolio' makes it clear what the purpose of your board is and makes it

Social CV

Just like with your real resumé, prioritize your posts.

- Put the most important info at the top and try and organize your board in a logical fashion.
- Marketing expert Christopher Penn says he made an example for how job-seekers can put together a Pinterest resumé, linking to other social media sites and maintaining a distinctive personal brand.

easier to find if employers are searching around.

Get social with your job search on Pinterest

The next step is to make your new media profile more social. Interact with brands and companies that you'd like to work for on Pinterest. Like their content, provoke discussion in the comments section and re-pin their posts to your boards under a designated 'Companies I'd like to work for' board. Organizations will get notifications for your actions on their site, putting you on their radar.

Also, use Twitter and Facebook to promote your Pinterest account to specific companies to get their attention.

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Raonic overcomes serving issues to advance to Round 2

Tennis. Canadian earns hard-fought five-set victory despite bevy of unforced errors

Milos Raonic had trouble at the baseline, but still got his first U.S. Open victory.

The Thornhill native overcame 55 unforced errors including 15 double faults on Tuesday to defeat Santiago Giraldo of Colombia 6-3, 4-6, 3-6, 6-4, 6-4.

Raonic, the No. 15 seed, earned his 34th victory of the season in a match that lasted well over three hours.

"I'm just happy with the outcome and that I managed to make the most of that moment and just find a way to win," said Raonic. "Everything else I've got to hope gets better in the next round."

Raonic had 30 aces, but struggled with unforced errors and converted on only a third of his dozen break points.

"I don't think I struggled with my serve that much in a long, long time. A lot of double faults, and it wasn't just one double fault per game," said Raonic. "I double-faulted consistently a couple times in a row, and that made my job a

Also on Tuesday

Venus Williams pulled out of the U.S. Open last year because of an autoimmune disease but was back Tuesday to beat fellow American Bethanie Mattek-Sands 6-3, 6-1.

- On the men's side, Andy Roddick earned a 6-3, 6-4, 6-4 victory over 21-year-old qualifier Rhyne Williams.

lot more difficult and it gave him a little bit more freedom at the same time."

Raonic did not play at the U.S. Open in 2011 as he recovered from hip surgery. In 2010 as a qualifier, he was beaten by Australian Carsten Ball in his debut at a major.

On Tuesday, Raonic found himself down 2-1, but tied the match with a break in the final game of the fourth set as Giraldo fired wide.

The match finished with a Raonic break of Giraldo on a forehand error from the Colombian.

He will play Paul-Henri Mathieu of France for the first time in the second round of the tournament.

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Milos Raonic returns a shot to Santiago Giraldo during their first-round U.S. Open match on Tuesday in New York.

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NHL makes new offer to the players

Gary Bettman believes the NHL took a "significant" step with the counter-proposal it presented in the latest round of collective bargaining.

The commissioner laid out the details of a new offer to the NHL Players' Association on Tuesday morning and later told reporters that it was an improvement from the initial offer put forth by the NHL last month.

"We believe that we made a significant, meaningful step," said Bettman.

Neither side would discuss specific elements of the new deal. NHLPA executive director Donald Fehr gave an initial

Quoted



"I'm encouraged that we're talking, to be honest with you."

NHL player representative Mathieu Darche on Tuesday's proposal from the league. Darche added that it's obvious the NHL took time to come up with the new proposal.

response to the league on Tuesday afternoon and requested that the parties gather again Wednesday after the union has had more time to examine it.

"It's a proposal that we intend to respond to," said Fehr. "I'll leave it at that."

The current collective agreement expires Sept. 15 and the NHL has said it will lock the

players out if a new deal isn't reached by then.

The owners and players have had trouble getting on the same page. Bettman indicated the league's new offer was a direct counter-proposal to the offer the players put forth two weeks ago and hopes it helps spark negotiations.

"I'm trying to get us on to

the same page, I'm trying to get us on to a common language," he said.

The proposal was unveiled in an intimate setting, with only Fehr and top assistant Steve Fehr in the room for the players and Bettman and deputy commissioner Bill Daly for the league. The morning meeting lasted about 45 minutes and concluded with Donald Fehr saying he wanted to apprise his constituents of the situation.

About four hours later, the Fehr brothers returned to the NHL's head office along with players Mathieu Darche, Ron Hainsey and Douglas Murray.

The afternoon session was

Four have the floor

The sides have turned to smaller groups in an effort to bridge a gap in talks.

- Bettman, Daly and the Fehr brothers also sat down last week, but they've been unable to agree on the general framework that will shape the next agreement so far.

On the web



Sprinter Oscar Pistorius captured imaginations around the world as the first double-amputee to compete in the Olympic Games. But on the eve of the Paralympics, the South African sprinter was downplaying his chances of dominating in London. Scan the code for the story.

MLB

Jays lose big bat Bautista for 2012

All-star outfielder Jose Bautista is set to have surgery on his left wrist and will miss the rest of the season.

The Toronto Blue Jays announced the upcoming operation on Twitter on Tuesday.

They said Bautista is ex-



Jose Bautista THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

pected to be back for spring training.

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NFL

"Any experience is incredibly helpful for me right now."



Indianapolis Colts' No. 1 pick Andrew Luck. Thursday's pre-season finale against Cincinnati will be the final chance for Luck and the Colts to fix any problems before the games start counting for real.

MMA

St-Pierre cleared for comeback

Georges St-Pierre says he has been medically cleared to return to the Octagon.

The mixed martial arts star from Montreal had reconstructive knee surgery in January after tearing an anterior cruciate ligament and his internal meniscus



Georges St-Pierre GETTY IMAGES FILE

during a wrestling training session last fall.

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4 SPORTS

Games facts

- The London Paralympic Games begin with Wednesday's opening ceremony.
- The Canadian Paralympic Committee spent a record \$3 million preparing its team for London.
- With the help of 95 support staff, Gaetan Tardif, Canada's chef de mission for the Paralympic Games, hopes that Canada can produce between 40 and 50 medals before the Games close on Sept. 9.
- Wheelchair rugby player Garrett Hickling of Kelowna, B.C., will be the Canadian flag-bearer.
- Canada has 145 athletes competing in 15 of the 20 Paralympic sports.

Canadians facing a tougher task at 2012 Paralympics

London Summer Games. More support than ever for local athletes, but more countries taking part with better-funded athletes competing



Gaetan Tardif, Canada's chef de mission for the Paralympic Games.
TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

There has never been a Canadian Paralympic team as well funded and supported as the one currently in London for the 2012 Games.

The bounce the country's Paralympians experienced following the 2010 Vancouver Olympics came at a crucial time.

More countries are competing in Paralympics and there's more money behind that competition. It's harder for Canadians to win Paralympic medals than it

with 19 gold.

"Our athletes all know they cannot just repeat their past performance that put them on the podium," chef de mission Gaetan Tardif said Tuesday in London. "It's likely if they have the same time as the last Games, it will not be good enough."

"The competition is truly getting fierce at the Paralympic level. A number of nations have joined the movement and increased participation and funding in the movement."

China is a big mover in Paralympic sport since hosting the Games in 2008. Tardif points out that country has a pool of 40 million people with a disability from which to draw. That's more than Canada's total population of 35 million.

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Trim options

The \$21,500 (including destination charges) base LS doesn't stray too far from basic, but spending an extra \$2,300 for the 1LT trim adds air conditioning, cruise control, tilt/telescoping steering, floor console and upgraded seat coverings.

Versatility

The basic platform is shared with Chevrolet's Cruze sedan, although the Orlando is somewhat longer and wider overall and features an extra 7.5 centimetres between the front and rear wheels.

That added distance is the key to the Orlando's versatility. Three rows of seats come standard on all trim levels,

including a 60:40 split-folding

three-place second row and a 50:50 split-folding two-passenger third row that's more kid friendly than anything. Both second- and third-rows can be folded completely flat, creating a cavernous cargo hold that can swallow nearly any big-box-store item you would care to haul home.

For smaller items there are plenty of handy storage

2012 Chevrolet Orlando

- **Type:** Four-door, seven-passenger, front-wheel-drive compact wagon.
- **Engine (hp):** 2.4-litre DOHC I4 (174).
- **Mileage:** L/100 km (city/hwy) 10.1/6.7(MT).
- **Base Price (incl. destination):** \$21,500.

Review. It carries plenty, without costing plenty

MALCOLM GUNN
Wheelbase Media

Canadians should be grateful that General Motors has

brought the Chevrolet Orlando to this country.

That's because, for some reason, Chevy fans and dealers south of the border are going without this practical and affordable wagon that hails from GM's Korean subsidiary. Named for a city in Florida, but won't be available there?

Interesting. The Orlando (perhaps the Saskatoon or the Hali-

fax might have made better names) slots directly below the five-seat Equinox and well below the full-size Traverse in Chevrolet's tall-wagon hierarchy.

This junior-sized, front-wheel-drive space maker is an ideal minivan alternative. Its seven-passenger capacity is a match for most vehicles in the people-mover class, albeit in a tighter package for people

and goods. But the Orlando actually competes against the Mazda 5, Kia Rondo and Dodge Journey. This trio also offers three-row seating and all but only the Journey can be ordered with optional all-wheel-drive.

The Orlando might have far offshore roots, but from its prominent Chevrolet "bowtie" brand on the grille to its rear liftgate, this wagon is

definitely domestically influenced. In particular the side view appears inspired by the bigger Traverse, especially the wide doors and the upsweep of the roof pillar. The character-adding flared-out fenders and full-length roof rails also help make the vehicle appear larger than it actually is.

With its up-front costs within reach of most Canadian families, the Orlando

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Two reasons to give thanks.

One, it's great to see their good times come crashing down — they had it too good for too long.

Two, it's another poignant reminder that your own school days are mercifully over, and you won't be the one heading out the door next Tuesday with a bad lunch and an over-stuffed backpack.

School isn't all bad, of course. And if you're the type that gets an extra kick from things automotive, then high school was, or will be, a heady time.

An automotive restorer once told me that, almost without fail, a guy would restore and/or buy a particular model of classic car later

in life, based on their first-ever car lust, which usually occurred when they were 12 to 14.

The cool cars they saw then on the road, and envisioned themselves behind the wheel of, will remain the coolest cars ever made, in their opinion.

So just think of the young brains that are getting programmed for life right now, by their first in-the-flesh encounters with something like an Audi R8, Lamborghini Aventador, or McLaren MP4-12C.

High school is also when a lot of kids first learn to drive, and possibly get their own cars. (There was one memorable guy in my Grade 8 class who not only had his licence, but also his own car, which he drove to school, and parked in the same lot as the teachers! Obviously this was an era in which you were actually allowed to fail an elementary grade.)

My parents wouldn't allow me to purchase my own car in high school, on the premise that I had no business owning a car, when all I wanted to do with one is drive around town playing 8-track tapes.

It was a particularly hurtful thing to say because it was 100 per cent accurate.

I guess the most iconic school-related vehicle is the yellow school bus. Progress marches on, but the school bus seems resistant to change.

In that regard, they're much like that Coke-Pepsi line. All sorts of cultural wars have come down, but you still can't get Coke and Pepsi together in the same eating or drinking establishment. It's one or the other folks...

But back to school buses. They haven't changed much because they continue to have a great safety record.

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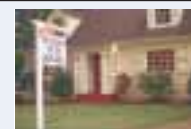
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Taurus

April 21 - May 21

You must make an effort to control your emotions. As Mars, planet of anger, moves through your opposite sign you will get upset more easily than usual with people who annoy you. Don't go too far.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

This is a good time to make changes to your work routine but make sure they are changes that favour you and not other people. Colleagues and employers will take advantage of you if you let them.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

This is a great time for getting things done. With Mars on your side, there is precious little you cannot accomplish. But you must be clear about your aims. Set yourself a single goal each and every day.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

If your domestic situation could do with some sort of improvement then now is the time to stop thinking about it and do something practical. Don't just touch up the paintwork, have a complete renovation.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

With Mars, planet of action, moving through the area of your chart that governs travel and social activities, you won't let anyone or anything hold you back from having a good time. You thoroughly deserve it.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

You may be a little worried about your money situation but there is really no need. Over the next few weeks you will get several opportunities to boost the size of your bank balance. Don't waste them.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Mars, planet of ambition, is now well established in your birth sign, which means you can at last start putting your plans into effect. Take responsibility for your own success — and take what it is you desire.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

You like to see the world through rose-tinted spectacles but you may have to work harder at it today. When things go wrong — and sometimes they will — don't assume that the sky is about to fall. It's never that bad.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

If you make the effort to work with people, there is no limit to what you can accomplish over the next few days. Join forces with those who share your dreams. Together you can make them happen.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Whatever your career may be, it will take on more importance now and in the near future. It's not about your worldly status, it's about what your talents are and how you can use them for the greater good.

Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

You can, if you wish, throw caution to the wind and do as you please. You can, if you wish, neglect your chores and indulge your passions. And you should. You very much need some down time — and that time is now. **SALLY BROMPTON**

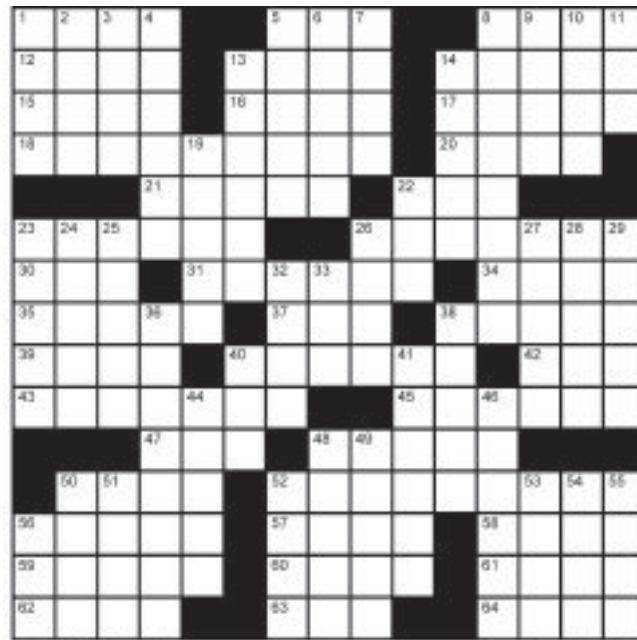
Crossword: Teams, Author, Places, Symbol

Across

1. Steve McQueen's first major movie, with "The"
5. NNW's opposite
8. CAA giveaways
12. Ready to be picked
13. Toronto-born classical pianist Gould
14. Chalet overhangs
15. "Be with you in ___!" (2 wds)
16. Bassoon or clarinet
17. Lockups at sea
18. Montréal team
20. Helps
21. "Would I ___ you?" (2 wds.)
22. Picnic pest
23. *I, Robot* author Isaac
26. Alberta's northern member of the CFL
30. Alta. neighbor
31. Decorative stickers
34. Underground digging workplace
35. Québec peninsula
37. Canadiens member, familiarly
38. Distributed cards
39. Prevaricator
40. Medicinal amount
42. Lean-___: makeshift sheds
43. Where to find Kingston
45. Parliament's home
47. Bond creator Fleming
48. "Tell ___ I Love Her": 1960 teenage tragedy hit
50. Barroom projectile
52. Canada symbol (2 wds.)
56. Ontario-born Mandel of *Deal or No Deal*
57. With respect to, legal letter style (2 wds.)

Down

1. Bric-a-___: knick-knacks
2. Bart Simpson's sister
3. Unclosed
4. "Relax" (2 wds.)
5. Icy precipitation
6. "___ evil, speak ..." (2 wds.)
7. Finishes
8. ___ Provinces: they're on the Atlantic
9. Gung-ho
10. Coat hooks
11. "Boo-o-o-o-o!"
13. Mourn
14. Online loan source
19. Electron tube
22. Blockhead
23. Non Francophone
24. Boyfriend in Shakespeare's time
25. "Can you show me where ___?" (2 wds.)
26. 1814-15 exile for Napoleon
27. Mazda introduced in 1989
28. At the minimum setting (2 wds.)
29. ___ good example: is a role model (2 wds.)
32. Doubled, a train



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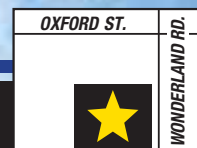
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